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The systematic classification review of the OSS permanent records under EO 12065 began on 1 January 1979 and ended on 30 September 1982. During that 45-month period the 13-man OSS records review team reviewed a total of 3,157 cu ft of permanent OSS records. Of these, six percent required continued protection and were withdrawn. The most prominent exemptions used to withhold information were to protect foreign government information, to protect the identity of agents and liaison contacts, and certain intelligence methods such as non-official cover. The contracts with the OSS team members were terminated as of the end of the fiscal year as no funds were allocated for this activity in FY 1983. One job, of 176 cu ft, remains to be reviewed and its being done by the regular CRD staff reviewers after training and briefings by the OSS team. Accomplishments in this review of permanent OSS records include:

1. We cleared those records for release on national security grounds as defined under EO 12065.
2. We tabbed certain types of information to bring it to the attention of NARS personnel to ensure that proper follow-on actions are taken, such as the need to coordinate with a foreign government.
3. The classification actions taken to withhold documents were recorded in the DARE system.
4. We cleared from the OSS records limited amounts of certain information essential to fulfilling certain Agency responsibilities particularly in the CI and personnel areas.
5. We alerted NARS to the need to protect certain types of OSS material and the OSS review team members regularly went to NARS to review the classification status of OSS documents uncovered by NARS during their systematic classification review programs.
6. We worked closely with and coordinated each phase of this activity with the Information Management Staff of the DDO.

